

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

KRIS K. BENNETT,

Plaintiff,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT
OF CORRECTIONS, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:21-cv-05153-JCC-JRC

ORDER DIRECTING SERVICE OF
CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT

This is a civil rights action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff is proceeding with this action *pro se* and has paid the filing fee. See Dkt. Plaintiff, who is currently incarcerated at the Stafford Creek Corrections Center, filed his amended complaint on July 22, 2021 (*see* Dkt. 13) and now requests that the Court direct service for him pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(c) and Local Civil Rule 4(c). *See* Dkt. 14. Although plaintiff's motion is noted for consideration on August 6, 2021, the Court will rule on the motion in advance of the due date because no defendant has appeared in this action and because time for a response to the motion is not necessary. Accordingly, based on plaintiff's request and because plaintiff is currently

1 incarcerated at the Stafford Creek Corrections Center, the Court hereby GRANTS plaintiff's
2 motion for the Court to direct service of the complaint on defendants. *See* Dkt. 14.

3 The Court ORDERS as follows:

4 (1) Consent

5 The Clerk is directed to issue the Notice of Option of Consent to Magistrate Judge J.
6 Richard Creatura.

7 (2) Service by Clerk

8 The Clerk is directed to send the following to the named defendants by e-mail a copy of
9 plaintiff's amended complaint, a copy of this Order, two copies of the notice of lawsuit and
10 request for waiver of service of summons, and a waiver of service of summons.

11 (3) Response Required

12 Defendant(s) shall have **thirty (30) days** within which to return the enclosed waiver of
13 service of summons. A defendant who timely returns the signed waiver shall have **sixty (60)**
14 **days** after the date designated on the notice of lawsuit to file and serve an answer to the
15 complaint or a motion permitted under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

16 A defendant who fails to timely return the signed waiver will be personally served with a
17 summons and complaint, and may be required to pay the full costs of such service, pursuant to
18 Rule 4(d)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. A defendant who has been personally
19 served shall file an answer or motion permitted under Rule 12 within **thirty (30) days** after
20 service.

21 (4) Filing and Service by Parties, Generally

22 All attorneys admitted to practice before this Court are required to file documents
23 electronically via the Court's CM/ECF system. Counsel are directed to the Court's website,
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1 www.wawd.uscourts.gov, for a detailed description of the requirements for filing via CM/ECF.
2 Plaintiff shall file all documents electronically. All filings must indicate in the upper right hand
3 corner the name of the magistrate judge to whom the document is directed.

4 Any document filed with the Court must be accompanied by proof that it has been served
5 upon all parties that have entered a notice of appearance in the underlying matter. Plaintiffs shall
6 indicate the date the document is submitted for e-filing as the date of service.

7 (5) Non-State Defendants

8 As a registered user of the Court's electronic filing system, you must accept electronic
9 service of all court filings (**except** original service of a complaint) by prisoner litigants housed at
10 facilities actively engaged in the Prisoner E-Filing Initiative. Prisoner litigants incarcerated at
11 facilities actively engaged in the Prisoner E-Filing Initiative are no longer required to serve their
12 court filings on the Court or defendants by mail. Service by mail of your court filings to prison
13 litigants housed in facilities actively engaged in the Prisoner E-Filing Initiative is also no longer
14 required.

15 (6) Motions, Generally

16 Any request for court action shall be set forth in a motion, properly filed and served.
17 Pursuant to LCR 7(b), any argument being offered in support of a motion shall be submitted as a
18 part of the motion itself and not in a separate document. The motion shall include in its caption
19 (immediately below the title of the motion) a designation of the date the motion is to be noted for
20 consideration upon the Court's motion calendar.

21 Stipulated and agreed motions, motions to file over-length motions or briefs, motions for
22 reconsideration, joint submissions pursuant to the option procedure established in LCR 37(a)(2),
23 motions for default, requests for the clerk to enter default judgment, and motions for the court to
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1 enter default judgment where the opposing party has not appeared shall be noted for
2 consideration on the day they are filed. *See* LCR 7(d)(1). All other non-dispositive motions shall
3 be noted for consideration no earlier than the third Friday following filing and service of the
4 motion. *See* LCR 7(d)(3). All dispositive motions shall be noted for consideration no earlier than
5 the fourth Friday following filing and service of the motion. *Id.*

6 For electronic filers, all briefs and affidavits in opposition to either a dispositive or non-
7 dispositive motion shall be filed and served not later than 11:59 p.m. on the Monday
8 immediately preceding the date designated for consideration of the motion.

9 The party making the motion may electronically file and serve not later than 11:59 p.m.
10 on the date designated for consideration of the motion, a reply to the opposing party's briefs and
11 affidavits.

12 (7) Motions to Dismiss and Motions for Summary Judgment

13 Parties filing motions to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil
14 Procedure and motions for summary judgment pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil
15 Procedure should acquaint themselves with those rules. As noted above, these motions shall be
16 noted for consideration no earlier than the fourth Friday following filing and service of the
17 motion.

18 Defendants filing motions to dismiss or motions for summary judgment are advised that
19 they MUST serve a *Rand* notice concurrently with motions to dismiss and motions for summary
20 judgment so that *pro se* prisoner plaintiffs will have fair, timely and adequate notice of what is
21 required of them in order to oppose those motions. *Woods v. Carey*, 684 F.3d 934, 941 (9th Cir.
22 2012). The Ninth Circuit has set forth model language for such notices:

23 A motion for summary judgment under Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of
24 Civil Procedure will, if granted, end your case.

Rule 56 tells you what you must do in order to oppose a motion for summary judgment. Generally, summary judgment must be granted when there is no genuine issue of material fact – that is, if there is no real dispute about any fact that would affect the result of your case, the party who asked for summary judgment is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, which will end your case. When a party you are suing makes a motion for summary judgment that is properly supported by declarations (or other sworn testimony), you cannot simply rely on what your complaint says. Instead, **you must set out specific facts in declarations, depositions, answers to interrogatories, or authenticated documents, as provided in Rule 56(e), that contradict the facts shown in the defendant’s declarations and documents and show that there is a genuine issue of material fact for trial. If you do not submit your own evidence in opposition, summary judgment, if appropriate, may be entered against you. If summary judgment is granted, your case will be dismissed and there will be no trial.**

Rand v. Rowland, 154 F.3d 952, 963 (9th Cir. 1998) (emphasis added).

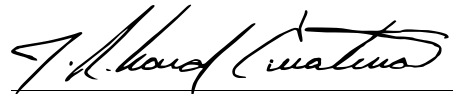
Defendants who fail to file and serve the required *Rand* notice on plaintiff may have their motion stricken from the Court’s calendar with leave to re-file.

(8) Direct Communications with District Judge or Magistrate Judge

No direct communication is to take place with the District Judge or Magistrate Judge with regard to this case. All relevant information and papers are to be directed to the Clerk.

(9) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order and the Notice of Option to Consent to plaintiff. The Clerk is further directed send a copy of this Order and a courtesy copy of plaintiff’s complaint to Washington State Attorney General’s office by e-mail.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2021.



J. Richard Creatura
Chief United States Magistrate Judge